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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION STATE INFO ADANA, AMMAN, ANKARA, ATHENS,
DHAHRAN, ISTANBUL, JIDDA, KHARTOUM, KUWAIT, NICOSIA, TEHRAN,
CINCEUR, AND DIA FROM BEIRUT MAY 3, REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE:

UNCLAS BEIRUT 5059

FOR REGIONAL COURIER OFFICES

E. O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SECURITY OF AMERICAN RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS IN LEBANON

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNS SECURITY SITUATION
AMERICAN CITIZENS IN LEBANON AS OF NOON MAY 3.

2. AIRLINES OPERATING NEAR NORMAL WITH SOME POSTPONEMENTS
OF FLIGHTS (E. G. PANAM HAS RESCHEDULED WESTBOUND FLIGHT
FROM A. M. TO 6:00 P. M.) AND ACCESS TO AIRPORT NOW RE-
OPENED, AT LEAST MOMENTARILY, WITH PASSENGERS STOPPED
EN ROUTE AT SEVERAL ARMY CHECKPOINTS BUT NO ACTIVITY SEEN
FROM BORDERING PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS.

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3. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS, PARTICULARLY FROM AMERICAN TOURISTS, REQUESTING GUIDANCE. WE ADVISING PEOPLE TO STAY IN UNLESS THEY MUST GO OUT FOR ESSENTIAL REASONS BUT OBSERVE SCRUPULOUSLY CURFEW WHICH HAS BEEN IMPOSED INDEFINITELY. CURFEW WAS LIFTED FROM 9:00 A. M. TO 11:00 A. M. MAY 3.

4. ALL USG FAMILIES SAFE, SOME HAVING BEEN RELOCATED FROM ACTION AREAS. NO REPEAT NO AMERICAN CASUALTIES TO DATE.

5. AMERICAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND SALESIAN BOYS SCHOOLS CLOSED UNTIL CURFEW OFFICIALLY LIFTED. BOARDING DEPARTMENT STUDENTS ALL RESTRICTED TO CAMPUS. ALL AMERICAN CHIOT PROJECTS WOULD BE COMMUNITY CENTERS

CAPABLE PROVIDING ABOVE TYPE SERVICES. ESTIMATED COST CENTER CONSTRUCTION DOLS 10,000. BASIC FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES DOLS 5,000. CENTER WOULD HAVE FIELDTYPE VEHICLE COSTING DOLS 6,000 WHICH COULD SERVICE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL PROGRAMS. TWO SUCH CENTERS ANTICIPATED.

4. SEMINARS RELATED TO COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES WOULD BE CONDUCTED ON ROLE TRADE UNIONS AND COOPERATIVES. SEMINAR PROGRAM WOULD BE DEVELOPED FOLLOWING AAFLI REVIEW CURRENT SITUATION BUT ANTICIPATE TWENTY TWO- WEEK SEMINARS AT AVERAGE COST DOLS 1,000.

5. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST ACTIVITIES PROPOSED ABOVE DOLS 62,000.

6. REQUEST MISSION COMMENTS, IF ANY, AND CONCURRENCE INCLUDE FUNDING FOR AAFLI INDONESIAN ACTIVITIES IN TASK ORDER EXTENSION. APPRECIATE REPLY ASAP AS PRESENT CONTRACT EXPIRES 31 MAY.

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